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Release # May 2022 Safety Belt Blitz

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Oregon Safety Belt Campaign

Tualatin Police will be conducting a safety enforcement blitz starting May 23, 2022. The project will focus on daytime/nighttime proper belt use.

Tualatin Police will join with police agencies nationwide for the annual, "Click it or ticket" campaign that runs from May 23rd through June 5th. Oregon agencies will focus on educating drivers on the importance of wearing their safety belt properly each time they ride in a vehicle.

According to NHTSA, in 2020, there were 10,893 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In that same year, 58% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations both day and night.

For safety belt systems, "proper use" means lap belt placed low across hips and shoulder belt crossing center of the chest over the collarbone. Belts should be free of slack and lying flat with no twists or knots. If the shoulder belt portion of the belt rides up onto the neck or feels

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uncomfortable, comfort may be increased by using the built-in adjuster or by moving seat position. The shoulder belt should NOT be placed under the arm or behind the back – this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in a crash.

Oregon law enforcement agencies are committed to reducing traffic crash injuries and deaths by promoting safety belt use and encouraging other safe driving behaviors through active enforcement and education.

The safety enforcement campaign is a federally funded program administered by ODOT.

Nearly one hundred state, county and city police agencies are participating in overtime grants to be used primarily during joint, statewide enforcement saturations or, “blitzes” scheduled for February, May and August.

For help installing child car seats, consult the seat manufacturer’s instructions, your vehicle owner’s manual, or visit a local child seat fitting station listed at:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats#inspection-inspection> or at
https://oregonimpact.org/Child_Passenger_Safety